

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, said shoulder rest comprising:

a first portion for abutting against a user's shoulder;

base portions extending from said first portion to terminal ends, said terminal ends of said base portions configured for abutting against different longitudinal portions of a back side of said telephone handset; and

a cut-out portion between said base portions,

wherein at least a portion of said base portions are configured to be selectively positioned closer together or farther away from each other so that said shoulder rest can conform to differently shaped telephone handsets.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said first portion is curved to accommodate said user's shoulder.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest of claim 1, further comprising a substantially flat, flexible strap of material between said base portions and partially enclosing said cut-out portion.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest of claim 3, further comprising an adhesive material on at least a portion of said strap for adhering said portion of said strap to said telephone handset.

5. **(Original)** The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said first portion narrows along a length of said shoulder rest from a front end of said shoulder rest to a narrowest portion and then widens again.

6. **(Original)** The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said first and base portions of said shoulder rest are part of a hollow body of said shoulder rest.

7. **(Withdrawn)** A method of making a shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, said method comprising:

forming a first portion of said shoulder rest for abutting against a user's shoulder;

forming base portions of said shoulder rest, each base portion extending from said first portion to a terminal end, said terminal ends of said base portions configured for abutting against a back side of said telephone handset;

forming a cut-out portion of said shoulder rest between said base portions; and

configuring the base portions so that at least a portion of said base portions can be selectively positioned closer together or farther away from each other.

8. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 7, wherein said forming steps are performed by injecting a material into a mold.

9. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 8, wherein said material is polyvinyl chloride.
10. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 7, further comprising forming a substantially flat, flexible strap of material between said base portions and partially enclosing said cut-out portion.
11. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 10, further comprising integrally forming said strap of material with said base portions of said shoulder rest.
12. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 11, further comprising placing an adhesive on at least a portion of said strap for adhering said strap to said telephone handset.
13. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 7, further comprising adhering said shoulder rest to a telephone handset.

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20. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest of claim 1, further comprising an adhesive material placed on at least a portion of said terminal ends of said base portions
21. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said base portions are resiliently flexible.

22. **(Withdrawn)** The method of claim 7, further comprising placing an adhesive on at least a portion of said terminal ends of said base portions allowing said shoulder rest to conform to differently shaped telephone handsets.

23. **(Currently Amended)** A shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, the shoulder rest comprising:

a top portion for abutting against a user's shoulder;

a bottom portion for connecting to a backside of a telephone handset, the bottom portion comprising a first and second base portion extending from the top portion to a terminal end, wherein at least a portion of the first and second base portions are configured to be selectively positioned closer together or farther away from each other; and

a flexible strip extending between the terminal ends of the first and second base portions.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 23, further comprising an adhesive material disposed on at least a portion of at least one of the flexible strip, the terminal end of the first base portion or the terminal end of the second base portion.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 23, wherein the top portion is curved to accommodate the user's shoulder.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 23, wherein the top portion narrows along a length of the shoulder rest from a front end of the shoulder rest to a narrowest portion and then widens again.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 23, wherein the top and bottom portions are part of a hollow body.

28. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 23, wherein the first and second base portions are resiliently flexible.

29. **(Currently Amended)** A shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, the shoulder rest comprising:

a first portion comprising means for abutting against a user's shoulder;

a second portion comprising a first base portion and a second base portion having terminal ends and having a space formed therebetween ~~on a bottom portion thereof~~, the second portion comprising means for increasing or decreasing the size of the space so that the second portion can conform to differently shaped telephone handsets; and

means for connecting the second portion to a handset so that the terminal ends of the first and second base portions are configured to abut against different longitudinal portions of a back side of a telephone handset.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 29, wherein the means for abutting against a user's shoulder comprises a curved surface.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 29, ~~wherein the second portion comprises a first base portion and a second base portion having the space disposed therebetween;~~ wherein the means for increasing or decreasing the size of the space comprises at least one of the first base portion and second base portion comprising a flexible material.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 31, wherein the flexible material comprises plastic or rubber.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 31, wherein the flexible material comprises polyvinyl chloride.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 29, wherein the means for connecting the second portion to a handset comprises an adhesive material disposed on the second portion.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 29, further comprising means for partially bounding the space on the second portion.

36. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 35, wherein the means for partially bounding the space on the second portion comprises a substantially flexible strap.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The shoulder rest as recited in claim 36, further comprising an adhesive material disposed on at least a portion of the substantially flexible strap.